



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### VETERANS DAY 2004 STATEWIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

The CDVA Veterans Day 2004 Statewide Events Calendar is filling out nicely, thanks to event submissions from you, the veterans of this state. Attached with this issue of News For Veterans you will find the latest version of this calendar. This version of the calendar will be updated on our website ([www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov)) on Monday, November 1, 2004. Please keep reporting your organization's Veterans Day 2004 Statewide Events to CDVA for inclusion in further updates. Remember to include the What, When, Where, Who, and Why information for your event when sending it to [newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov](mailto:newsforveterans@cdva.ca.gov).

### HIRE VETS FIRST, AMERICAN EXCELLENCE AT WORK

The Department of Labor operates a website which is a great resource for veterans, homeless coordinators, and for those who work with and counsel veterans. This website is a product of the [President's National Hire Veterans Committee](#), which was created by the Jobs for Veterans Act (Public Law 107-288). Employers wishing to find qualified veterans and veterans wishing to make the best use of a national network of employment resources may access the Hire Vets First website at [www.hirevetsfirst.gov](http://www.hirevetsfirst.gov).

### CALL TO WOMEN VETERANS TO ATTEND REDEDICATION CEREMONY IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) will be rededicating the Thermal, CA, airport during a ceremony and air show on November 6, 2004. This Rededication Ceremony and Air Show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and go until 4:00 p.m. Since the airfield is being named after a famous aviatrix, women veterans will be specifically highlighted and honored during the ceremony. EDA would like to hear from women veterans interested in attending the rededication and air show. Women veterans interested in attending this ceremony or participating in the ceremony (flag salute, Color Guard, posting of the colors, etc.) can RSVP by calling Trish Field at EDA at (951) 955-6688.

### PRESIDENT ISSUES SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS EXECUTIVE ORDER

President Bush issued the following executive order on October 21, 2004 calling for an increase in Federal contracting with service-disabled veteran businesses. We are providing a small section of this executive order here for your consideration. The text of the entire executive order is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/10/20041021-5.html>

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to strengthen opportunities in Federal contracting for service-disabled veteran businesses, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. America honors the extraordinary service rendered to the United States by veterans with disabilities incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during active service with the armed forces. Heads of agencies shall provide the opportunity for service-disabled veteran businesses to significantly increase the Federal contracting and subcontracting of such businesses. To achieve that objective, agencies shall more effectively implement section 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)), which provides that the President must establish a goal of not less than 3 percent for participation by service-disabled veteran businesses in Federal contracting, and section 36 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 657f), which gives agency contracting officers the authority to reserve certain procurements for service-disabled veteran businesses.

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